# No state control over \$1,346 job agency fee to worker

That \$1,346.94 bill to a jobseeker from a private employment agency is subject to practically no control by the state under a result of recent changes in the law and Reagan administration policies, the State Building Trades Council

told Millmen's Local 550. State BTC Legislative Advo-cate Richard W. Mansfield wrote Local 550 Business Representative Arsie Bigby that jurisdiction over employment agencies had been transferred from the Department of Labor

partment of Consumer Affairs in 1967.

"In discussing this matter with Mr. William Montgomery, consultant to the Senate Industrial Relations Committee," Mansfield wOAKLAND PUBLIC hope, he indi-

ent administration and existing laws the regulation of employment agencies is practically non-existent and they can charge just about any fee that their client will agree to pay."

ed with Chairman Leo M Carthy of the Assembly La' Relations Committee to him to sponsor legislation "correct the outrageous act

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BLUE CROSS employes cluster around a union representative who's telling them why union members have a better break than unorganized workers. Some of the hundreds who attended Office & Professional Employees Local 29's Blue Cross organizing picnic

### **Union gains at Blue Cross**

Union strength at five Blue Local 29's organizing picnic in Blue Cross employes. Oakland last Friday.

members of other unions told the gether in a union, they win." Blue Cross employes why joining the union is the answer to their problems of not enough money increase the incomes of the 40 and less than union working con-

Local 29 was host to more than \$10,000 a year is organized labor." 500 employes from the five Oakhealth insurance agency's North- the picnic. ern California headquarters, at the picnic at Snow Mureum Park near Lake Merritt.

Donating their time to entertain the Blue Cross workers were four union musicians, Sam Zagami, Bill Castro and Anthony Cervone of Musicians Local 510 and Henry Abrahamson of Local

The picnic followed a personal Cross offices here, already in the appeal by California Labor Fedhundreds, grew by 105 persons at eration Secretary John F. Hen-Office & Professional Employees ning in a letter distributed to

"When the individual goes up Congressman Ronald V. Del- against the company alone," lums, Assemblyman Ken Meade Meade told the picnic, "the comand more than 30 officers and members of other unions told the pany wins. When workers get to-Dellums noted:

"The only institution trying to

per cent of American working and struck an Oakland plant and people who earn from \$5,000 to

The 105 new unionists signed land offices which make up the Local 29 authorization cards at nia, a men's clothing manufac- agreed in condemning the plan

The union, which lost a representational election two years ago after heavy management antiunion pressure on employes, began organizing again with sup-port of the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the AFL-CIO when workers complained

(Editorial page 7)

President Nixon unveiled his Phase II economic control plan last week and his treasury secretary followed up with details which indicated it was much like Nixon's Phase I wage "freeze."

Nixon took over network television and radio prime time October 7 to announce that after long study he had decided that a Pay Board and a Price Commission would take over at the current "freeze's" scheduled end No- tives headed by Connally will vember 13.

They will decide on wage and price increases, said Nixon.

John B. Connally told a press or commission in conflict with conference October 8 that Nix- Nixon's over-all aims. on's so-called "Cost of Living

Economic stabilization law on which both the Nixon Phase I "freeze" and its Phase II version are based is up for a court test. Meat Cutters call it unconstitutional. See page 8.

stay in over-all command.

The COLC, he said, will step in to straighten out any standards But Secretary of the Treasury or guidelines set up by the board

Labor has urged that any wage Council" of government execu- control body be completely inde-

pendent of government.

First word from the administration was that labor supported Nixon's plan but AFL-CIO President George Meany quickly set that straight.

Meany called the AFL-CIO executive council to meet Tuesday with Teamster and United Auto Workers leaders plus some AFL-CIO international presidents to study labor's reaction.

Not calling anyone a liar, Meany said in a statement Octo-

"Interpretations of the President's program, given to newsmen by the White House subsequent to the briefings given labor officials yesterday, are in conflict

# 1 union organizes,

cooperation from start to finish as one clothing union organized II pay control board. another wound up the strike Monday with a contract.

The firm is Cornell of Califor-

Workers contacted the International Ladies Garment Workers Union San Francisco Joint

Board, asking for representation. The ILGWU launched an organizing drive among the 25 employes and signed a majority trol while it was contacting the The motion, by Rufus Day of Amalgamated Clothing Workers Oakland Typographical Union MORE on page 6 of America Northern California Joint Board, which has men's clothing industry jurisdiction.

> Management meanwhile fired union employes and the workers struck October 4 receiv-County Central Labor Council.

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# It's cooperation as Labor Council blasts 'freeze'

Labor Council this week again standing vote. took on the current Nixon wage "freeze" and, after debate, voted It was a case of inter-union George Meany to refuse to par-

Nixon's proposed Pay Board control.

Opponents declared, however. that the appeal could affect Meany s bargaining power in efforts to free the Phase II wage operation from government con-

The motion, by Rufus Day of

The Alameda County Central Local 36, passed 32-27 on a

Earlier the council voted approval of a resolution prepared to urge AFL - CIO President by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx at the exticipate in the President's Phase ecutive committee's direction, urging affiliates to insist on all Proponents and opponents of pre-negotiated money items, inthe motion to wire Meany asking clude retroactivity clauses in new that the AFL-CIO stay out of agreements and strike if necessary for such demands.

It backed Meany's opposition turer at 1810 San Pablo Avenue. as government-dominated wage to the "freeze" and declared:

"President Nixon's wage and price controls are contradictory to the expressed policy of the AFL-CIO . . . are discriminatory . . . because they restrict the wage earner's earnings while allowing profits to remain uncontrolled.

MORE on page 4

### They stand for home and family but not motherhood ing emergency strike sanction of a study panel's report indict- he agreed with the removal of a study panel of a study pane

The world has always present- knew what they were talking an array of strange and nutty about they would understand ed an array of strange and nutty things.

You'd lose a lot if you couldn't take a look at some of these aberrations and say: "My word, how crazy can you get? Thank heaven, I'm OK anyway.'

time to time say the same about

that we are acting in an eminently sane fashion.

But be tolerant, realizing that when others sound off like that it keeps them happy.

In Sonoma County, women still have in babies while men have a background role in production. Like expeditor.

At least, I think so, although I'm a little shaken as a result of late information.

Because I learn there is a county ordinance which de-clares: "Sick leave may be taken

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### **COPE backs** Lavely, Silva

Alameda County COPE's choices for election to the Alameda County Water District board of directors November 2 are unionists John Lavely and Dan Silva. The endorsement in the South County vote was made by the Central Labor Council sitting as its COPE committee Monday night.

# Welfare study gets action

welfare director.

The board's action in directing named post satisfied part of the fare improvement with McKay. Welfare Task Force Study Comproblem.

As a result of Terzian's remov-

Alameda County Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Ed Collins, the study committee's

ing welfare management, the Terzian but was reserving judg-The employes voted unani- board of supervisors last week ment on the over-all shift at voted to merge welfare and two least until the meeting with Jack other agencies and displaced the Frazer McKay, head of the new merged department.

The study committee was to that Welfare Director Hrayr discuss implementation of its Terzian be reassigned to an un- many recommendations for wel-

McKay heads a merger of the mittee's demand that the county Welfare, Probation and Human tackle the welfare management Relations Departments into the new Human Resources Agency.

A week before it took its drasal, the study committee cancell- tic action, the board had received ed a scheduled Tuesday session the study committee's 355-page with the board and was to meet report and directed the committhe following day with the new tee to return to the board Tuescommand of the merged depart- day with a list of "priorities" for action on welfare

The study committee demurred

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# from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

Which is one of its charms

The fact that others may from

us is only the exception. If they

Union meeting notices page 6, correspondents columns page 4.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

\* \* \* NOW TO the case at hand.

# Non-renewals on property insurance By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS The company reinvestigated, of the Federal Insurance Admin-should not accept passively any other parts of the country in Labor Journal Consumer Expert found that it had "made an er-istration."

recent years, both homeowners mal exposure." and renters in many areas now for some years.

Readers have reported non-renewals not only in so-called high Ludlow, Washington, had the DC. 20411. tected areas. Often, in recent years, policies have been dropped by insurors because residents such as working couples or single men or women were not at home during the day.

THIS NEW attitude has developed because usually homeowner less than the policy-holders had areas, homeowners and renters many homes, as they have in and apartment insurance includes burglary insurance, and insurance companies fear such premises may be inadequately protected during the day.

known Long Island, New York, government now requires and newspaperwoman was informed even subsidizes property insurby the big U.S. Fidelity and ance for families and business-Guaranty Co. that it would not men who are unable to buy it renew her policy because "your privately or must pay very steep premises are unoccupied daily." rates. Mrs. Grunder, a determined

fought back.

worked five minutes away and will not write it. returned daily for lunch with her school-age children.

pers and community organiza-

#### \$900,000 in back pay

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia has upheld the Labor Department's right to obtain eas where such private insurance more than \$900,000 in back pay, is not available at "affordable" including interest, for some 2,000 rates as determined by the govwomen employes of the Wheaton ernment. Glass Company of New Jersey.

Already shocked by big jumps told me, and that he home was ated by private companies, for indeed "a normal risk with nor-example, Aetna Casualty and indeed "a normal risk with nor-example, Aetna Casualty and the companies of states." in property insurance rates in indeed "a normal risk with nor-

A New York State assistant atalso are plagued by non-renew- torney general reported that als, just as car owners have been even he was non-renewed because there was no one home during the day.

risk areas but also in well-pro- property insurance on his small old house cancelled by Continen- this program from any licensed tal Insurance Co. because it was too low in value for them to bother with.

years have found themselves area. cancelled because they made several minor claims. Often the topaid into the insuror's coffers.

HEAVIEST cancellations, of course, have been in actual high-Thus, Marian Grunder, a well- risk areas, to the extent that the

There are two such plans. The and knowledgeable woman, FAIR plan (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements), estab-She pointed out to the com- lished in 1968, provides fire and pany that this attitude notice- extended coverage through inably discriminated against work- surance pools in areas where ining women; that actually she dividual insurance companies

In New York State, more than 25 per cent, and in Washington, She also wrote letters to her D.C., more than a third of all state legislators, local newspa- such insurance currently is being provided under the FAIR plan, Virginia Knauer, consumer assistant to the President, reported. The FAIR program does not operate all over the country.

> Another program, which became effective in 1971, provides crime and theft insurance in ar-

Currently, this program is op-The money represents under- erating in California, Connecti-payment of wages to the women cut. Illinois, Maryland, Massain violation of the Federal Equal chusetts, Michigan, Missouri, CONSIDERING the deadliness Pay Act requiring equal pay for New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, of the toxin, that was a pretty men and women doing substan- Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia, under the supervision

Surety Co. in a number of states. tion.

The Federal Insurance Administration is part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). You can find the address of the local HUD offices in your telephone book or

You also can get the forms for broker. Presumably you will have been turned down by a private company beforehand because Other homeowners in recent yours is considered a high-risk

non-renewals they suffer, but other years. should complain to the state in- Until rece

grams are available only in some only in some areas. areas. If insurance companies think they can just take the by the National Flood Insurers select risks and dump people in Association consisting of private higher-risk areas or people who must leave their ernment to provide this coverage. homes unattended during the erage altogether.

BUT WHILE these alternative to before. But recently floods in Insurance Administration, care tal of such claims has been much programs are available in some the Northeast seriously damaged of HUD.

Until recently flood insurance surance department and to the was not widely available to Federal Insurance Administra- homeowners. Now there is a federal program for this need too. The alternative federal pro- although again it is available

> The program is administered working insurors subsidized by the gov-

However, the association covers day, consumers may have to ask local communities only if the the government to take over the town government applies for this job of providing household cov- coverage and agrees to take needed flood control measures. Homeowners also have become In such areas, any insurance increasingly concerned about agent can supply the necessary flood insurance. This is a risk application forms, or you can get they never paid much attention information from the Federal

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### **Consumers Union reports on botulism**

WHILE WE were preparing the terial competitors-perfect conaccompanying report of soups, a ditions for growing and multiply- 12 years without an inspection. Westchester (N.Y.) man ate from ing. a can of soup and died. His wife, stricken by botulism, an acute form of food poisoning.

Fortunately, botulism is rare. Only some 50 deaths have been ascribed to it in the U.S. during the past 10 years. When botulism does occur, its cause is usually traced to improper food-processing methods.

And that was the case in this latest, widely publicized poisoning. The suspect soup was Bon Vivant Vichyssoise, made by Bon Vivant, Inc., Newark, N. J.

The Food & Drug Administracompany's gourmet line of soups, sauces and other canned foods. The company closed its plant.

The FDA commissioner, Dr. Charles C. Edwards, announced that the botulin contamination was caused by "human error.

airy way to put it. For there is a conviction among food technoligists that botulism should never occur in commercially canned goods. It's easily preventable with adequate commercial cooking methods and equipment. (The majority of botulism outbreaks over the past half century have been attributed to homecanning errors)

The principle of "commercial sterility" is so firmly established that CU did not test any canned soups for bacterial populations.

Canned soups are-or should be-processed at such high temperatures and pressures that virtually all organisms within them are destroyed.

resulting product on faith.

It's sort of a cruel joke of evo- would swell or leak. lution that one of the deadliest proper place in the society of

is anaerobic. It cannot grow deadly contents. They may look where air is present, which sug- normal. The contents may look gests that it evolved at a time in and taste normal. the remote past when the earth's atmosphere was without free ox-

vegetable is deposited in a can natural way to prepare canned and the can is vacuum-sealed. foods that are customarily served Suppose further that the can is and eaten cold—like vichyssoise. heated to 200 degrees F., a temperature sufficient to kill most

As it grows and multiplies, it who ate from the same can, be- emits poisonous waste material came critically ill. Both had been (three types of which are lethal to man). No one is quite sure why botulin is as toxic as it is.

> STATISTICIANS say that Type in the Westchester incident, kills about 70 per cent of the

ing botulinus spores is well Agriculture, which has jurisdicknown throughout the canning tion over all foods containing industry: Cook the cans for half meat and poultry. an hour in dry saturated steam at 15 pounds per square inch above normal atmospheric prestion ordered a recall of all the sure. That should bring the steam temperature up to about 250 degrees F.

Given the proper cooking apparatus — a large retort into which steam is forced under pressure-there are only a few things that could go wrong. Here is one possibility:

The valve that's supposed to let all the air out of the retort might department. malfunction.

Air would remain, compressed by the incoming steam but not so hot.

The retort's pressure guage wiuld give satisfactory readings, but cans within the retort would of inspection would be welcome. not be heated to 250 degrees F.

botulin can only be explained by tain a watchful eye over the proinadequate cooking temperatures cessing methods. At this point, or controls. A further possibility neither CU nor the FDA have any is that the adequacy of heat varries within the retort.

tend to be along the inside surfaces of the retort; the coolest in the middle of the mass of cans.

The hottest cans might emerge perfectly safe to eat. The cans in Consumer Reports. Since the principle and the the middle might not even have process are well understood, it's reached temperatures that would the kill off common, gas-forming Mount Vernon, N.Y.) bacteria; in a short time they

Somewhere along the borderpoisons known to man is pro- line might lurk the botulin conduced by a primitive, archaic or- tainers, heated to a temperature ganism that no longer has a high enough to kill off most bacteria but not high enough to kill off the botulinus spores.

The borderline cans need not CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM give any clue whatsoever of their

Even after the cans have been opened, it's possible to destroy the botulin by boiling for 15 min-Suppose a botulinus-inhabited utes. But of course that's an un-

AN FDA OFFICIAL admitted bacteria. Clostridium botulinum that the Bon Vivant plant hadn't postmaster: please send change of would still survive.

When the heat's off, it finds 1967—four years before the latest 74606.

One plant in New York went

The FDA complains that it has neither the manpower nor the money to do a more thorough

The present inspection system, in the words of FDA officials is one of "repair rather than prevention . . . It takes somebody A botulism, the type identified getting killed to get the public concerned enough . . .

An inspection system founded on the prevention principle is A fail-safe method of destroy- run by the U.S. Department of

> USDA maintains a corps of inplant inspectors all over the country. According to law, the inspectors should take a representative sampling of each lot of canned goods containing meat or poultry. Evidence points to the fact that there was a USDA inspector in the Bon Vivant plant near the time that the poisonous vichyssoise was canned. But vichyssoise, of course, wasn't in his

> Shortly after the poisoning, a USDA inspection of Bon Vivant gave no clue of things going wrong at the plant.

Clearly a more foolproof form

Meanwhile the best we can In any event, the presence of hope for is that canneries mainconfidence in Bon Vivant-processed food, and we would advise that consumers who find THE HOTTEST portion would such in their cupboards to throw the cans out.

> A list of all recalled Bon Vivant products is published on page 542 of the September 1971 issue of

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# Aerospace industry warned not to hide behind 'freeze'

since the Nixon wage "freeze" ed them to bargain or face strike can Rockwell plants.

A joint Los Angeles meeting of representatives of the International Association of Machinists and United Auto Workers warned management it can't use President Nixon's action indefinitely as an excuse to stall.

Delegates from IAM and UAW local unions in the United States

The four-day, 40-hour week

was tried at a Kent, Washing-

ton, plant and dropped when

it was found seriously wanting.

"Errors increased and pro-duction went down," said Ed

Bernoski, business agent of Machinists Local 79, which

represents the employes at the

Bernoski said the union

would not be adverse to trying

the four-day, 40-hour week

again under a different oper-

But he noted that efficiency

Heath Tecna Corporation.

ation.

10-hour day, 4-day week fails test

An earlier deadline previously days. was set at the Vertol helicopter tario. The UAW accused managenesday of this week as the dead-

Three hundred delegates to the

weather, as workers tired.

weekends.

company.

Some Machinists worked Monday through Thursday

and others worked Tues-

day through Friday of the

week, giving them three-day

Robert Vogt, industrial rela-

tions director at the plant, said

the plan also created work-

scheduling problems for the

The shop would have mini-

mal staffing Mondays and Fri-

days, sometimes making it dif-

ficult to get out pressing or-

began, but last week the two ma-strike deadlines at Boeing, Doug-August 15, when Nixon an-jor unions in the industry warn-las, Lockheed and North Ameri-nounced he was "freezing" all

"The flagrant inequities of the plant of Douglas at Malton, On- Nixon freeze, which is rigid for St. Louis, next January 30. wage earners but lenient, and ment of aping the U.S. freeze largely unenforced and unen-psychology, and set noon Wed- forceable for employers, inspired aerospace managements to conline for negotiating a new con- trive a freeze of their own to put collective bargaining on ice." the conference charged.

aerospace management has not engaged in serious bargaining," the statement said.

have refused to negotiate meaningfully even on non-economic

The conferees called on man-

Union negotiations with Lockheed were suspended for weeks while the company lobbied for a Congressional appropriation to

Talks had just been resumed and continued past a July 23 expiration date when the freeze order broke.

soon as Phase II of the "freeze" gotiations in aerospace have been reached their expiration dates in starts, they will immediately set "frozen on dead center" since September. ion agreements are-United Airwage increases for at least 90 craft Corporation in Connecticut

November 30 and the McDonnell division of McDonnell Douglas in ed all managements in the industry that the two unions signed agreements last March 12

"The evidence is plain that at the negotiating table.

It charged that the companies

agement of the Big Four firms to "come out from their hiding place behind the Nixon freeze with a resolve to resume negotiations in good faith" both as to economic and non-economic is-

stay in business.

Contracts with Boeing, Douglas

League of Cities The Big Four of aerospace and Canada announced that, as joint meeting reported that ne- and North American Rockwell have sat tight in negotiations, soon as Phase II of the "freeze" gotiations in aerospace have been reached their expiration dates in 1st bout is a draw

Other expiration dates of un-

The UAW and the IAM remind-

to assure maximum strength"

IAM President Floyd Smith and

UAW President Leonard Wood-

cock told the aerospace rally that

their unions will not accept any

wage and price formula that puts

the burden of economic stabiliza-

City employe vote

on despite suits;

Voting in Oakland's city em-

ploye representational election was to wind up today, but two

lawsuits will delay ballot count-

city workers were choosing among the Alameda County Building Trades Council, United

Public Employees Local 390 and

the Oakland Municipal Civil Service Association in contested units. Three other units

had been awarded to organiza-

tions with a majority of employe

cil had adopted an employe re-

lations ordinance, which they said should determine makeup of Presiding Superior Judge Rob-

ert Kroninger, however, ordered

ballot boxes sealed until Novem-

ber 3 when the suits are to be

The American Federation of Teachers won bargaining rights for Portland, Oregon, school-teachers who voted 1,934 for AFT

to 1,045 for the National Educa-

tion Association affiliates. A year earlier, NEA had nosed out the

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Teachers Union by 89 votes.

AFT wins in Portland

OMCSEA and American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1675 had sued to halt the vote because it was begun before the city coun-

ballots sealed

ing until November 3.

signatures

determined

Alameda County labor has launched its part of the battle to cut the anti-union League of California Cities loose from its tax money financial base and the first round came up a draw.

The Berkeley city council voted 4-4 on two motions last week. binding themselves to "strength- They were to defer action on en our cooperative relationship withdrawing from the league until the latter can appear and to withdraw, which would have denied the organization Berkeley's tax support:

With no majority for either motion, there was no action, Assistant Secretary Ed Collins to'd the Alameda County Central Lation on the backs of the working bor Council.

> Collins, who appeared at the Derkeley council meeting, said the Labor Council will continue to ask city governments to withdraw from the league and thus deny it city funds.

> The California Labor Federation's executive council at its Sacramento meeting last week again called on affiliates to fight use of local tax money for the league.

While its ostensible purpose is to represent cities interests at Sacramento, the league at this Legislature session has opposed labor-backed legislation for bet-The 1.800-plus non-uniformed ter workmen's compensation, for free choice of doctors by industrial accident victims and for public employe collective bargaining.

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#### Sheet Metal 216

BY FRED AND BILL

It has become nicreasingly evident that many of our members the hot sun, wind and rain he'll should take advantage of the fine clases offered at Laney Colchanges in our trade.

New products and methods of performing our trade make it im- To augment his expenses to perative that everyone try to keep abreast of the changes. Frederick Loeser is instructing a Lay-out Class at Laney College And will return some early dawn! on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Enrollment still in business. Many thanks to in this class is open so let's fill Brothers Robert E. Jacobs and

Welding instruction is avail- of books. able on Friday afternoons in Heliarc, Wirefeed, and regular ards, now living at Clearlake Stickfeed Arc Welding. The Sheet Highlands. Recently flew to Ha-Metal shop is room F-181, located on the 7th Street side of the On September 15, after his recampus. Enrollment instruction may be obtained there during class hours.

The article for the past two weeks was devoted mainly to the publication of questions and answers concerning our Pension Plan. If you require additional Durango on the way back. information, please contact the the office of Sheet Metal Workers Local 216.

the office concerning Veteran's is one of our recognized Holidays and will be a Holiday for Sheet Metal Workers.

One of our long time members. Cliff Rigler, passed away this past week, we send our sincere for words, written or otherwise? sympathy to his friends and loved ones.

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Members of the Tri-State Steamfitter Notes Death Benefit Fund, Death Assessment 710 is now due and pay-

### Chips and Chatter

to Edgar and Sybil Helsby who business office report was subcelebrated their 41st wedding an- mitted by Business Representaniversary, Monday, October 4,

went deer hunting in Modoc Union's unemployment situation, County. Got a deer, three point- which is bad, and that many of er, on the first day. It dressed our members have found work in out at 83 pounds. Had a little out-of-state U.A. Local Unions, tough luck too. Got snowed in, through Travel Card procedures. car engine cracked the block. Managed to get home to make fice, Bob presented the following the repairs. Excessive snow (up travel card procedure that will to 12 inches), rain and sleet end- be put into effect immediately ed the hunting for a lot of peo- covering our travel card memple in that area

ern Star Grand Chapter Conven- has been approved by the memtion in Sacramento the week of bership: October 18, 1971

Massey,

Our Financial Secretary "classy," found.

We'll miss him while he's away, on his way!

her hair in rollers. A young man are representing a Contractor. couldn't take his eyes off her. Memo-your cooperation in this out. We recently reported that Finally, he approached her and matter will be appreciated by the Robert Schenk, employe of Benasked, "Lady, what stations do business office. you get on that?"

was a time when a boy couldn't Training Center has gotten unwait to become old enough to der way with the contracting of shave. Nowadays, as soon as the the electrical power, etc. So, upon kids are old enough to shave, completion of this, the building Santa Clara is Ed Bachmann,

Cousin Al observes, in a free meetings. country every man is entitled to express his opinion—and every other man is entitled not to

listen! The Old-timers pin presenta-

the cards as promptly as possible so YOUR committee may reserve a seat for YOU.

Robert Griebel, our Local Union President,

on his vacation went, In his powerful Imperial automobile

never feel.

On his long journey to Kansas lege to catch up with the many He'll probably stop in Reno or Los Vegas,

To pick up some bonanzas Kansas,

For three whole weeks he'll be gone

OPERATION PAPERBACK is

Bill Rusch for their contribution

Heard from Brother T. J. Richwaii to attend his son's wedding. turn, he suffered a heart attack. Received immediate treatment and is feeling much better now. Says "Hello" to all the Brothers.

Fred Durflinger just returned from a trip to Raytown, Missouri. Stopped in Colorado Springs and

Welfare and Pension Office or Mary and Curtis Ashcroft, has Premiums paid to the Union Lajust returned from serving in the bor Life Insurance Company dur-There have been inquiries at childhood sweetheart, Robin claims paid were \$23,500. Bids Day, Monday, October 25. This they were married there. From there they took an extended tour of various South American will be advised of this. countries.

Guess that's enough. Did you ever see a Busy Agent at a loss See you at YOUR next UNION meeting, Brothers?

BY JAMES H. MARTIN

Considering the continuing of our Bay Area Indian Summer weather, vacations and sporting events, the turnout of our October 7 membership meeting held BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS in Oakland was not bad.

President Boyer transacted a great deal of business, covering Happy Anniversary greetings various Committee reports. The tive Bob Beeson. His report covered various jobs in Alameda and Gerald and Alberta Woodward Contra Costa Counties, also our

On behalf of the business ofbers while working away from Barney and Dora Holder, as home, thereby making it possible Worthy Patron and Matron will to retain your status on the outbe attending the Statewide East- of work list in Local 342, and

1. The travel card member's Off on his vacation is Wilson name shall remain on the outof-work list, which will enable him to work his way to the top of They say he's Alabama bound, the list, at which time he will be To enjoy some tasty Southern notified via his home, telephone number or address.

2. This policy shall apply to Look out, Southern Belles, he's those members who are working on a travel card, due to unem-Li'll GeeGee, our office vamp, ployment in Local 342 but shall went into the super market with not apply to those members who

The final phase of our Concord Uncle Benny comments, There offices and Apprenticeship Hospital and was at home recuwill be ready for membership

Union Labor Life Insurance Company that the monthly premium of \$1.50 has been increased to \$1.91 per month. This is due to tion affair is now in the final increase on death benefits paid. stages of planning. Notices will Our experience report shows that be sent out to all those members during the period July 1, 1970



DRUG ABUSE study by Washington, D.C., high school students was sponsored by the Communications Workers of America. CWA Presi-

dent Joseph A. Beirne congratulates students on the study which the union hopes will give answers to drug problems.

Curtis Wayne Ashcroft, son of of 32 death claims were paid. Peace Corps in Nicaragua. His ing this period was \$26,184.00 and Continued from page 1 Santos, also joined the Corps and from other Life Insurance Companies have been requested for comparison. Our membership

> Union 597 of Chicago has announced that a Testimonial Dinner, honoring General President Martin J. Ward will be held in Nixon's play to hold down wages, the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in the (Treasury Secretary) Connally City of Chicago. This dinner is to honor Marty for his many contri- less labor backs it up. butions to the Labor Movement and his community.

membership approved that proper representation of our office attend this affair.

In order to get first hand information enabling you to keep abreast of your Union's current please attend the membership meetings, which are held the first Thursday of each month.

### **Labor Council blasts 'freeze'**

"The wage and price freeze deliberately negates long term contracts negotiated in good faith and the present administration has even attempted to use the Pipefitters Association Local freeze as a strikebreaking gim-

In support of his motion, Day declared that "if Meany backs he'll be in the same camp with This thing won't work un-

Jack Faber of Cooks Local 228 rejoined that Meany was on rec-At our October 7 meeting, the ord against the Phase II govern- inequitable and unfair," ment restrictions over the pay board and was seeking to eliminate them.

'Meany and the AFL-CIO executive council don't need to be reminded by the Alameda County Central Labor Council that it's a fraud," he said.

would oppose even an autono- President."

mous pay board because, while it would control wages, "they talk about only studying profits study is what you do when you don't want to do anything. The only thing labor can do is say we're against it all the way."

Assistant Secretary Ed Collins read a memo from Groulx, who was on vacation, urging no action to interfere with Meany's bargaining power.

Anne Draper, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Local 42, noted Phase II's exclusion of profit, interest or dividend control while curbing wages and handing industry tax breaks. "It's unjust, said. "We should express our opinion against it."

Carl Jaramillo, Paint Makers 1975, said labor should put the burden on Nixon of assuring complete autonomy for the pay board. Earlie Mays, AFSCME-EBMUD 444, said labor's "rank Charles Shain of University and file should be heard against Librarians Local 1795 said he the blank check power given the

#### Watchmakers 101

San Jose Group Meeting held on Tuesday, October 5, and after receiving a complete report on the state of crisis." actions of the Union Meeting held on September 16 in San tions to the procedures the Union is following for a new Un- ing welfare problem. ion Agreement, including the "No Contract No Work" meeting to be held on Monday, October 18 in San Jose, as well as in San Fran-

We sincerely hope that everydo not need these "No Contract Taxpayers Association. Friday, October 15 for instruc- ment," Collins declared. tions.

One member in-one member nett's Jewelers in San Mateo, had been in the Redwood City Kaiser perating. We are happy to report that Bob Schenk is now back at work. In the Kaiser Hospital in watchmaker for George Hirzel Jewelers in Mento Park. We hope We have been advised by the that we can soon report that Ed, too, is back on the job.

> FOR SALE: Lathe and Motorpractically new. If interested telephone the union office, 421-1968.

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING: of August Mr. Nixon told the The next meeting will be held on Nation in his press conference concerned. Be SURE to return through August 31, 1971, a total Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. that his policies and programs in the Assembly Hall, Room 317, were producing the desired re-

# Welfare study gets action

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN Continued from page 1

at listing "priorities"-because it We had a good turnout at the felt that the No. 1 priority of its findings was management responsibility for a welfare mess which its report described as "a

From the start of the study, Collins told the Labor Council, Francisco, there was no objec- the labor position was that management failure was the overrid-

He praised the other 20 study committee members for seeing that labor point of view and finding that management was the major problem.

Staff work on the report was

Terzian, a former Probation tutional Convention.

Department aide until he became welfare director in 1966, had asked to return to probation as criticism mounted against his welfare management. Last week, however, he said he had been "thinking seriously" about retirement.

Social Services Union Local 535, which had disclosed the main burden of the report before it was officially made public, had charged the department management with failing to establish uniform policies for employe guidance, failing to utilize available federal and state funds and other shortcomings.

McKay, who as head of the thing will be worked out so we done by staff of the California merged agency, has over-all welfare responsibility, has been a No Work meetings on October "The Taxpayers' Association senior analyst in the county ad-18. However, if you are not cer- staff also deserves much credit ministrator's office for 15 years, tain as to what you should do, for pinpointing the obvious fact was a director of the Alaska and telephone the Union office on that the problem was manage- Texas Legislative Councils and a consultant to the Alaska Consti-

### Nixon's flipflop set speed record

"freeze"-plus tax gift to business policies took just one week, U.S. it. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey noted in a recent Los Angeles speech.

Humphrey recalled:

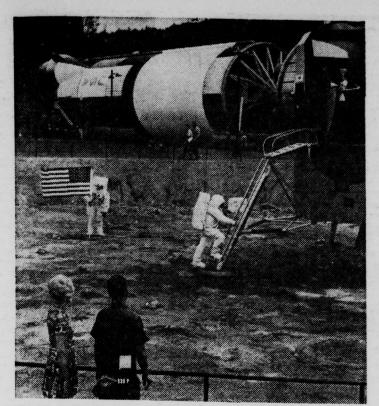
"The President made a complete about face. He acted as if stronger. the crisis had developed literally over the weekend.

But lest we forget, let's look at the record — in the first week

The Administration game his prior "game plan" to his plan, he said, was working, and he had no intention of changing

"The President boastfully claimed that inflation was being brought under control, unemployment was being reduced and the economy was growing

"And within just one week, utterly disregarding what had been said, he announced the imposition of a wage-price-rent freeze and a 10 per cent surcharge on imports. He ordered budget cuts, made recommendations on tax reductions and floated the dollar."



EXPLORATION was made real for Aluminum Workers convention delegates in a tour of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center near Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Convention was held in Huntville, Alabama. Unionists are viewing a full sized fascimile of an Apollo landing

### Union membership at all-time high; still a long way to go

Union membership hit an all- for 1970 was the first to include region but still had a long way to go which now before it covered the labor bargaining. force, Labor Department statistics disclosed.

and professional employe assotion. ciations with U.S. headquarters was 542,000 higher than in 1968, to total 22,600,000.

Union growth made up almost all of that. It was 500,000 more of Teachers, the American Fed-than in 1968, with public em- eration of State, County and Muployes making big gains.

Percentagewise, however, union-association strength dropped a bit from its 1968 level and union strength among non-farm

In 1970 union and association membership represented 24.7 per cent of the total labor force.

This was the same as 1969 but a drop from the 25.2 per cent level of 1968.

Union members among nonworkers, however, rose from 29.6 per cent in 1969 to 30.1 per cent in 1970. It was 30.5 per cent in 1968.

time high of 20,700,000 in 1970 professional employe associations which now engage in collective

To be included, the employe associations also had to represent Total membership of unions members in more than one loca-

> On a percentage basis, the biggest gainers were the American Federation of Government Employes, the American Federation nicipal Employes, the Retail Clerks, the Communications Workers of America and the Service Employes.

The number of women in unworkers was up a tiny fraction ions rose 34,000 over the two-from 1969 and off just a bit from year span, raising the total to year span, raising the total to 4,300,000. White collar members, totaling 3,400,000 in 1970, rose by 177,000 from 1968.

Membership in the manufacturing sector, where unionization has been strongest, declined by 44,000 between 1968 and 1970. During the same two years, approximately 360,000 employes in non - manufacturing industries were added to union rolls and niembership among state and 'o-The Labor Department survey creased by 143,006.

### Tax justice still unfinished business

AFL-CIO President George Meany told the House Ways & Means Committee that the tax reform act of 1969 did not complete the work of substituting tax justice for inequities.

He urged Congress to close the capital gains loophole, repeal the oil depletion allowance and eliminate other special preferences that still allow the wealthiest Americans to escape paying a fair share of taxes.

A special supplement to his testimony warned against the proposal in Congress to delay next year's rise in the Social Security taxable wage base, in order to increase takehome pay.

That would endanger the

### Gorman on ULLIC board

International Secretary-Treas-Meat Cutters has been elected ion Labor Life Insurance Com-

hospital insurance trust fund used to finance the Medicare program, the AFL-CIO warned.

A more effective way to increase spending power, the federation suggested, would be to advance the effective date of Social Security benefit increases provided in a Housepassed bill or to increase the benefit hike.

### TV actors get 22 pct. more

The Screen Actors Guild collected \$14,700,000 for its members from the television industry, not counting payment for commercials, during the 10 months ended August 31. This was an increase of 22.6 per cent from a year earlier.

The money was residual fees television productions, plus payto television. TV commercial fees are paid directly to actors.

### More laws needed in anti-union firings

law to protect workers fired for company. union activity, since fewer than half are successfully reinstated, says Congressman Les Aspin.

Aspin, a Wisconsin Democrat, actually successfully reinstated." wrote in the AFL-CIO's American Federationist on a study he made while working for a doctoral degree at Massachusetts Intitute of Technology and later expanded.

H's conclusion of the study of New England area National Labor Relations Board cases is:

"Re instatement isn't enough . . lations Act an effective law are improvements in the particularly weak section of the law pertaining to the rights of individuals wrongly fired for union activity."

"Employes fired for exercising fear of company retaliation the'r right to join and assist labor unions need more help than company's attitude. He begins to the law and the National Labor think about what it will be like Relations Board are now giving to go back to work in that com-

The law requires that a person illegally fired for union activity must be offered reinstatement to the same or a "substantially equivalent" position to the one he was fired from.

What happens in cases where the NLRB orders the employer to comply with the law?

stated employes, Aspin found treatment,"

after sampling 71 cases covering

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He found that rein-

Most of the cases-62 of 71rose out of organizing drives and federal labor law: most-50 out of the 71-were settled informally.

"But the company definitely did not want them back," he added. "And very few of them were

afraid of company retaliation if he got his job back.

A fired employe, faced with unpaid bills, naturally "is tempted "Among the changes needed when the company offers him to make the National Labor Re-perhaps several hundred dollars in back pay if he will settle the case and refuse reinstatement," the author points out.

"The most frequent reason for refusing reinstatement was the the individual has observed the pany," Congressman Aspin wrote.

"He knows that some jobs are heavier or dirtier than others and begins to wonder how they will be assigned," said the Congressman.

What happened to those who were reinstated? Aspin found that two-thirds of them were gone from the company within two years after reinstatement. The NLRB itself has very little The most frequent reason given

He found that reinstatement 194 employes who were fired be- was likely to be successful in reinstatement provisions." tween July 1, 196; and July 1, only 10 to 30 per cent of the "This policy of conciliation 1964, in the NLRE's New England cases studied. That led to these does not work. Most companies region.

Most of the cases—62 of 71 improving or foregone. tween July 1, 1960 and July 1, only 10 to 30 per cent of the

eral use of that section of the important incentives to these Aspin found that at first, most law which allows it to seek a companies to comply with the illegally fired workers wanted re- court injunction and immediate law.

There must be changes in the instatement with their former reinstatement of fired workers. Use of this remedy "is extremely rare," the article notes.

> • The NLRB should adopt a policy of actively encouraging reinstatement for all fired individ-Three major reasons were giv- uals. A system of follow-up interen: the complainant found a bet- views should be used to make ter job; he waived reinstatement sure management is not misin order to get some back pay in treating them. The company a deal with management; he was should be told these interviews will take place but should not be told when they will be held.

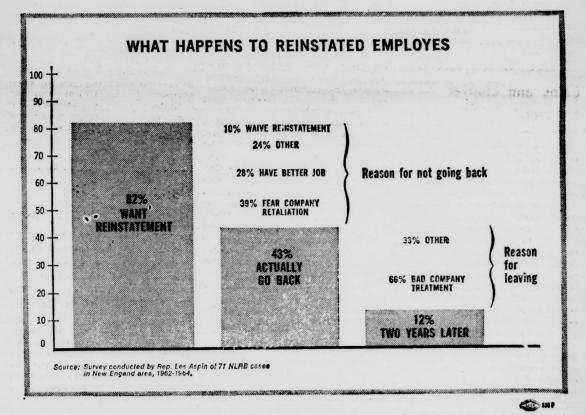
> > • The NLRB should send a letter to the worker when he is reinstated, telling him what his rights are, and what kind of treatment is forbidden. The letter should name the NLRB officer who should be contacted if the worker has any further trouble or questions.

> > · Unfair labor practice violations should be well publicized. NLRB regional offices should encourage public reporting of unfair practice cases.

· Companies violating the law should be made to pay triple damages to the reinstated worker. Stiff fines should be imposed on firms that repeatedly and deliberately violate the law "because it costs less money to break the law than to accept the union" chosen by employes.

"As it now stands," Aspin observes, "the law has no penalties for violations and seeks no punishment - it seeks only restitution, such as the back pay and

improving enforcement of the cause it cost them little or nothing to do it. Sufficient penalties, • The NLKB should make lib- vigorously enforced, would offer



### Censorship by any other name will smell as sour

The county's requirement of a use permit for bookstores to operate is a foot-in-the-door move toward censorship which can go far beyond bookstores for its target, said the Alameda County Central Labor Council in voting to sue to invalidate the ordin-

While its ostensible target is pornography, it is equally adaptable to controlling distribution of material telling labor's or any other viewpoint, Executive Secretary - Treasurer Richard K. Groulx told the Labor Council.

Groulx and other council representatives had vainly asked the urer Patrick E. Gorman of the for work in domestic and foreign board of supervisors to rescind the use permit ordinance. The to the board of directors of Un- ment for theatrical pictures sold council referred the issue to its attorney, Victor Van Bourg, authorizing him to go to court.

Effective	I am moving to a new address.		
Name	Union No		
Old Address	City		
New Address	City		

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#### AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176 HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Auto. Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays c? every month in Room H. Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

> Fraternally. LESLIE K. MOORE. **Business Representative**

#### **IRON WORKERS 378**

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month,

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays

of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are neld on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 8 p.m.

Fraternally, BOB McDONALD **Business Agent** 

#### STEELWORKERS L.U. 7616

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Regular membership meetings are held the second Saturday of overy month at 9 a.m. at Eagles' Hall, 1228 Thirty-sixth Avenue, Oakland, California.

Fraternally, ESTELLA STEPHENS. Recording Secretary

#### **ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194**

Carpenters Local 194 meets the CARPENTERS 36 first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally, WM. "BILL" LEWIS, Recording Secretary

#### **PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382**

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally, TED E. AHL, Secretary

#### SERVICE EMPLOYEES 322

Regular meetings held first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Room H, Third Floor.

Fraternally, VERN DUARTE, Financial Secretary

#### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

> Fraternally. JACK KENNEDY. **Business Representative**

#### BARBERS 516

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The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 1971 at 3 p.m. in Newark Square Barber Shop, 5600 Thornton Avenue, Newark, California.

Fraternally. AL DOYLE, Secretary-Tre

#### PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally.

WILLIAM PRENDEBLE, Secretary

#### PAINT MAKERS 1975

The next Regular Meeting of Local 1975 will be held on October 19, 1971 at 8 p.m. in Hall "C" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez \(\psi\) Street, Oakland, California.

Date: October 19, 1971.

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Hall "C," Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Cali-

Fraternally. CARL LAWLER, Recording Secretary

SPECIAL NOTICE As of January 1, 1972, dues will increase by \$1 per month.

Retired dues will remain as is.

Fraternally, DELBERT BARDWELL, **Financial Secretary** 

Want to know what's happening? ome to your union meetings!

Regular meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the hall, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California.

Pay your dues at the Financial Secretary's office. It is open at 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. until

Members who move should inform the local union of their new

> CHARLES WACK, Recording Secretary

#### SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

Service Employees Local 18 are held at 10 a.m. the 4th Saturday of each month in Jenny Lind Hall, leting the reference to life insur-2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally, BEN J. TUSI. Secretary

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Refreshments are served by the Ladies Auxiliary immediately following each meeting.

The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m. Phone 569-3465.

ALLEN L. LINDER, Recording Secretary

#### **BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158**

NOTICE

When sending in your dues by mail, please send to Wm. Mahaffey, Valdez Street, Room 220-A, Oakland, California 94612.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood ley, California.

> Fraternally, NICK J. AFDAMO, Recording Secretary

#### CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, Oc-tober 28, Hall "C" at 8 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Plase attend.

National Conference deaths are now due and payable through NC

> Fraternally, BOB SEIDEL, Recording Secretary

#### PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 441 will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 1971 at 8 p.m. in Hall A, first floor of the Labor Temple Building. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Regular order of business.

A vote will be taken on a resolution to amend the By-Laws on purchasing cars for the Union.

Please be sure to attend this meeting; union meetings are a very important part of union member-

> Fraternally, GEORGE A. HESS, **Business Manager and** Financial Secretary-

#### SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally. FRED HARMON, Business Manager

### No state control of \$1,346 job fee

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ities and excessive fees charged by employment agencies.

A millman who had been referred to a job in Local 550's jurisdiction by an agency disclosed the huge charge.

The agency had claimed that the applicant would earn \$11,-283.66 a year. But, based on average hours, the job would pay little more than \$9,000, the union said

The jobseeker didn't follow up the \$1,346.66 job but went to work through Local 550 and will be charged just the un-ion's \$210 initiation fee when he joins under the union shop clause.

Union attorney Stewart Weinberg earlier had warned Local 550 that the \$1,346.66 price tag might be legal even though unions are far better able to refer workers to jobs at minimal or no fees.

## New delegate

Gene Bohner of Millmen's Local 550 was seated by the Alameda County Central Labor Council as a new delegate last

#### **BERKELEY PAINTERS 40**

SPECIAL NOTICE

A special called meeting will be held Friday, October 29, 1971 at 8 General membership meetings of p.m. at 2051 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, to vote on the following: 1. Amend Local 40 bylaws by de-

> 2. Establishment of a business representative assessment and provision that the present life insurassessment, now paid working members, be placed in the business representative's fund.

Fraternally, GENE SLATER. **Business Representative** 

#### U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Our next regular meeting will be held November 13, 1971 in Room 155, Kroeber Hall. The Executive Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will be at 2 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Negotiations will be starting and nominations for the officers for the coming year will be taking

Fraternally. J. J. SANTORO. Secretary-Treasurer

#### BARBERS 134

FLASH!

International President Joseph N. De Paola pleads guilty to accepting Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berke- kickbacks on pension loans and resigns as of October 1, 1971. The trial is now in session in Federal Court in Chicago.

> Our next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 1971, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California. BARBERS 134-Insert-

> The Pension is still FROZEN by Federal Court Order and either our International leaders or the appointed receiver is bungling (Snafu) the proposed referendum vote. Please do not call me in reference to the Pension. We will probably be informed together what and when anything happens.

Fraternally. JACK M. REED. Secretary-Treasurer

#### MILLMEN'S UNION 550

The next regular membership meeting of Millmen's Union Local 550 will be held on Friday, October 15, at 8 p.m., in room 227 of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

The delegates to the Bay District Council of Carpenters meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of e a c h month at 8 p.m., 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Members with complaints regarding Mill Cabinet Trust Health & Welfare contact the local union.

Members interested in attending blue print reading and layout class notify the local union by mail.

Fraternally, ODUS HOWARD Finalcial Secretary

#### AFSCME-EBMUD 444

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for October 14 starting promptly at 7.30 p.m.

Fraternally. CHARLES E. TEIXEIRA, Secretary-Treasurer

### Union gains at **Blue Cross**

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to it that pre-election manage- most bizarre maternity leave law ment promises weren't being around, pointing out that: kept.

ness, has promised not to inter- childbearing responsibility." vene in the current drive.

es, the union will file for another pression) and gave birth to this election with the National Labor Relations Board.

Blue Cross letter:

"Union members are better paid, have greater job security, their children as some way to better working conditions, great- please the gods. er equity in dealing with their employers and countless other ancient custom of gentlemen, advantages not available to the who even get cooperation in it unorganized."

### **Upholsterers** re-elect Bavei

Upholsterers Local 3 returned Peter G. Bavei to office as business representative in a threeway race and elected unopposed candidates to other positions.

Bavei was opposed by Ray Goldassio and Jack Riewerts in the election in which none got a majority vote, then won against Riewerts in a runoff.

Elected unopposed were incumbent President Archie Bayless, Vernon McDonald as vice president, incumbent Recording Corresponding Secretary Arthur Reynor, George Neuschutz as financial secretary and treasurer, incumbent Sergeant at Arms Anthony Chojnack and Hugo DeAntoni, Ben Asaro and Sam Piazza, trustees.

#### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of the Oakland, California Unified School Employees Union 257 will be held on Saturday, November 13, 1971, at 10:30 a.m. in the Castlement High School Auditorium, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, California.

The Executive Board will mee at 8 a.m. in Community Room. All Board members please take note. for officers at the November 13, 1971 regular meeting.

Come and exercise your right to nominate your choice of officers for 1972-73.

Election of officers on Saturday, December 11. Voting booths will be open in Castlemont High lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a Required meeting with a fine of \$5 for the Biennial General Election.

Fraternally. HAROLD BENNER, Executive Secretary

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### from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

#### **Home and mother**

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by a male employee in the event of the birth of his child."

The reason for this is that it would cost the county more if their lady employes got maternity leave. This is quite true. From the very start mother spends more time on motherhood than father does on fatherhood.

I HAVE word on this law courtesy of the American Civil Liberties Union which is going into court to get paid maternity leave for a lady county employe who had to use her vacation pay to keep up her income when she became a mother.

The ACLU says that this is the

"It attempts to challenge na-Blue Cross, which carries much ture at a very fundamental point union health and welfare busi- and reverse its allocation of

I differ. This is a perfectly na-When authorization cards total tural setup if male county offienough over 50 per cent of the cials and male lawmakers con-900 Oakland Blue Cross employ- ceived (if you'll excuse the exthoroughly anti-female bit of discrimination.

Said Henning, an Office Em-ployees member himself, in his going on since the late Stone Age, when fathers took to bed and rested ruring the birth of

> Downgrading the ladies is an from some ladies.

> Nor is it unnatural for local government to come up with bizarre ways to save money. \* \* \*

> RATHER THAN attack the ordinance as agin nature or refer it to Women's Lib for further processing, I suggest that Sonoma County carry its position to

its logical conclusion. If maternity leave for women is too expensive, the answer is

simple Abolish maternity.

### Marble Polishers elect Lawhead

Wylie Lawhead was elected president of the Marble, Slate & Stone Polishers at the union's convention at Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Lawhead, a union vice president since 1959, succeeds President William Peitler who was not a candidate for re-election.

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# Phase II looks a lot like the old 'freeze'

Phase II of the Nixon economic control policy is just Phase I-the wage freeze, price thaw-with special trimmings.

With—as we predicted last week—his usual inspirational platitudes and earnest looks, President Nixon unveiled for the nation this same old setup:

- Lip service to controlling profits but no formal control.
- "Voluntary" control of interest.
- Mandatory control of wages—the heart of Nixon's present program.
- Purported control of prices but with the continuance of the same so-called "freeze," which has not frozen prices.
- Purported control by labor-industry-public boards but with final veto power in the hands of the mis-called "Cost of Living Council"—in other words government control from the top.

Along with uncontrolled profits and interest, the new plan continues Mr. Nixon's offers of lavish tax benefits to big

Mr. Nixon's faith that management will use these benefits to reduce prices and increase jobs is almost touching - but naively unrealistic since industry thinks of itself first and last and the public's welfare rarely.

After Mr. Nixon's broad generalities, his man, Secretary of the Treasury Connally laid out the less palatable facts of continued "freeze" and government dictation.

This has put such wellmeaning Republicans as Senator Javits in something of a panic. Mr. Javits and others assure Management Committee for Fair markup on some Japanese exlabor that if it takes part in the program, the COLC will not Foreign Competition. veto decisions in which it joins.

This hardly jibes with Secretary Connally's blunt statement. that Japanese steel fabricators room for bargaining with Amer-

At this writing top labor representatives have not declared underbid 12 U.S. firms to win a ican distributors . . . Ways will be the Japanese producers have for or against Phase II.

But it appears to us that the best things which could happen would be for the courts to overrule the Phase I "freeze" in pending cases and for Congress to modify the stabilization law to rescind its blank check powers to the President.

That would assure that Phase II would be much amended. Stender, a Seattle Boilermakers Japanese fabricators, Stender hours of work for American

### **'Equality'** is not deprivation

jority of the states have interpreted the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as ending protections for women against long hours.

Other women's protective laws have also been held to be nullified, notably a California ban on heavy lifting which a court has thrown out.

This removal of protections strikes us as a perversion of a Committee on Occupational gress did not intend that state guidelines, a state can have a law aimed at helping women and ethnic minorities by re- Safety & Health protested. discrimination as lower poy and loweremployment.

The false logic is that if women got a special break in the past, it's "unequal" to continue to give it to them and deny allowing workers or union repre-

The true interpretation should be that equality means extending to men the protections women have had exclusively for state implementation of job in the past.

Elimination of such special protections for women tempts unscrupulous employers—who have not been hesitant to pay women less than men-to violate the anti-discrimination intent of the Civil Rights Act further.

Now they can substitute women who still are lower-paid is permitting de'ays and relying criteria — one for the federal vide funds and set standards for for men and work them at lower rates without any special on "paper promises" from govprotective restrictions.

At latest word, one more pledged Assembly vote was advisory needed for Assembly Bill 1547 to extend industrial protections to men and end all the doubletalk that such laws are "un-

### 'Don't Worry, Baby, I Won't Let You Freeze!'



### Import curb doesn't help U.S. steelmen

President Nixon's 10 per cent sorb extra costs and still under- some indication of the ineffecdevaluation of the dollar said have failed to slow the increase

Labor-Management Committee President John Stender disclosed curb import competition.

Japanese imports, whose representative, predicted.

There's plenty of room in the

surcharge on imports and "float- sell American-made goods, he tiveness of President Nixon's re-

Stender recalled Japanese Vice in Japanese steel imports to the Minister of Finance Takashi Ho- disappointing to the hard pressed somi's assurance that: "The fabricating steel industry 300 per cent.

"These margins leave a lot of ington, D.C. \$12,300,000 contract at Little found to subsidize the losers in Rock, Arkansas-after the Nixon Japan and besides the Japanese can make adjustments."

The Little Rock contract was below-American prices often in- for steel for an interstate bridge clude huge markups, won't suffer across the Arkansas River and from Nixon's economic moves, was awarded to a consortium of said. He charged:

Japanese price structure to ab- bid by over \$900,000, which gives mittee noted.

cent action.

"This award was particularly markup on some Japanese ex- losing projects in the past year ports is in some cases as high as to the Japanese in Dallas, Phoenix, Seattle, Portland and Wash-

"This Arkansas bid shows that proved that they have the ability to absorb the tariffs, transporaction which was supposed to economy still has vitality and tation costs and surcharges and still sell their fabricated steel products at least 15 per cent below domestic prices.'

The steel in the contract would have meant about 226,000 man workers if it had been produced "The Japanese had the lowest in the United States, the com-

### The Labor Department notes without comment that a ma- Nixon charged with weakening job safety law

new job safety law and accepting ment criteria "paper promises" of performance by states, the labor representatheir programs, tives on the National Advisory Silberman cla

tion of Congress in writing the officers on inspections.

The other is a loose timetable provision. safety programs, said AFL-CIO Safety Specialist George H. R. Taylor and Steelworkers Legislative Representative John Sheehan.

Rather than enforce strictly the deadlines for state safety programs, the Labor Department ernors, they declared.

The confrontation arose as the committee reviewed guidelines for state safety programs issued by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

Labor Under Secretary Laur-

"walk around" provision

Silberman claimed that Con-

Occupational Health & Safety Silberman said that states could meet all criteria stipulated in Act is to permit states to ignore substitute their own provisions the federal law. the key "walk around" provision on job safety and health provided they are "at least as effective sentatives to accompany safety as" the federal act. He referred particularly to the "walk around"

> The authority for determining if the state safety plans are "at least as effective as" the federal criteria is left up to Occupational Safety & Health Administration, headed by Assistant Labor Secretary George C. Guenther.

Gunenther reiterated Silberman's point: Congress set two government and another for the enforcement. states, he said, declaring that they are not identical.

Congress focused on federal job ises.

The Nixon administration is mittee that states need not in- safety enforcement and that if it weakening key provisions of the corporate all the federal enforce- had intended that enforcement including the authority be shifted back to the - in states, it would have made specific provisions.

Under the Labor Department's safety plans be mirror images of "developmental plan" approved the federal law. "developmental plan" approved and funded by the federal gov-One such switch on the inten-the federal law.

Citing a subsection of the act,

ernment even though it does not

cross in writing the

> The states could take as long as three years to fully meet the criteria, Labor Department officials said, before they would revoke the plan for non-compliance and return total enforcement authority to federal inspectors.

During this three-year period a state could operate a "developmental program" of job safety with a promise from the governor that the legislature would pro-

Sheehan said the "developmental plans" are really "non-Taylor and Sheehan questioned plans" because no governor can the Labor Department's author- definitely assure the federal govity to read the double standard ernment that the legislature into the law. They stressed that would act according to his prom-

We hope that lone Assembly member comes around soon. ence H. Silberman told the com- OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1971



NIXON'S "FREEZE" costs 8,000 members of Hospital Employees Local 1199 in New York \$120,000 a week-and enriches employers by

the same amount. Five thousand members of the union turned out in this massive protest at federal offices in New York.

powers in the law under which vailing on May 25, 1970." he instituted his wage "freeze"

ic Stabilization Act of 1970.

sweeping power to "issue such

dent Nixon the blank check at levels not less than those pre- 1970.

is going to be decided in the junction against the freeze, which would cost Meat Cutters The Meat Cutters sued in the packinghouse employe members U.S. District Court in Washing- alone \$5,000,000 in previously neton, D.C., contending that Con- gotiated raises. Judge Aubrey E. to the three-juage panel for decigress did not have the power to delegate to Nixon the broad aucase to a special three-judge "W thority contained in the Econom- panel, whose decision could be 200,000 members of our organiappealed direct to the U.S. Su-The law gives the President the preme Court for a final ruling.

Judge Robinson found that orders and regulations as he may there are "substantial questions

The issue of whether or not deem approprite to stabilize as to the constitutionality of the Congress legally handed Presi- prices, rents, wages and salaries Economic Stabilization Act of

Although the union's request It asked for an immediate in- for an immediate injunction was denied, Meat Cutters Secretary-Treasurer Patrick E. Gorman voiced satisfaction that the constitutional issues had been sent

> "We know that the more than zation who have been cheated out of millions of doliars by this unconstitutional wage freeze will also be pieased and that they are looking to the courts for economic justice," said Gorman.

He said that the packinghouse workers who lose \$5,000,000 in previously negotiated wage increases, include 50,000 employes of eight different meat-packing firms who were to receive a 25cent hourly increase September

The suit argues specifically that giving the President the power to impose wage-price controls is unconstitutional because the authority was given without any standards "to guide the President in deciding whether economic conditions warrant such action, or the timing of such action, or the nature and extent" of such controls.

The complaint also charges that the Economic Stabilization Act violates the Constitution's 5th Amendment because it contains no provision for judicial review of the President's actions or the orders, rulings or decisions of any administrative agency, such as the Cost of Living Council.

in a brief that the Meat Cutters are asking the court "to blind itself" to the intent of Congress in passing the act.

But Judge Robinson said that even assuming the delegation of second wins pact authority to the President is proper, the question of whether Continued from page 1 there is sufficient administrative and judicial review "is a question mously to switch to ACWA in proportions."

### Musicians take on 2 cutrate bands

Musicians Local 510 this week got Alameda County Central Labor Council strike sanction against the Silver Chords, a band which advertises it works for less than prevailing scale, and the Women of St., Bede's who indicate they'll hire a non-union

band for an event October 23. If the women's group does so, Local 510 Secretary-Treasurer event at St. Bede's Church in

### Dinner for Satre set Oct. 22

Retiring Painters General Secretary - Treasurer O. (Bud) Satre will be honored at a testimonial dinner next Friday, October 22 at the Biltmore Bowl of the Biltmore Hotel, Los

AFL-CIO President George Meany is honorary chairman of the event sponsored by the California State Council of Painters. California Labor Federation Secretary John F. Henning is associate chairman.

Satre, retiring after 30 years of service to the International Brotherhood of Painters & Allied Trades, also was a vice president of the AFL California State Federation of Labor from 1947 to 1952.

Reservations are \$25 each or \$250 for a table of 10. Checks to the O. T. Satre Testimonial should be sent to 2200 West Seventh Street, Suite 112, Los Angeles, California 90057.

### Phases I & II are lookalikes

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with interpretations given us at that briefing.

Connally and Nixon disclosed other Phase II aspects:

- 1. No control on profits but a 'policy" that any profit "windfalls" resulting from manage-ment withholding of "frozen" pay increases should be reflected in lower prices.
- 2. While the administration had indicated that there'd be a new ball game November 14 the freeze" still will be in effect then "subject to whatever stand-ards and criteria" set up by the board and commission, said Connally.
- 3. Interest and dividends will be subject to "voluntary" straint by lenders and corporations.
- 4. Total enforcement of price and wage programs will be entrusted to 3,000 Internal Revenue Service employes who, Connally "voluntary" program of restrainsaid, will be ample for such a big ing stock dividends. job. Labor has noted that employers will willingly relieve the government of enforcing a wage "freeze"
- 5. And no change is contem-5. And no change is contemplated in Nixon's program of big Court to halt tax gifts to corporations in hope that they will then cut prices and increase employment.

Connally said the COLC would not veto any individual pay rul- Striking West Coast longshoreings of the Pay Board, which men went back to work last Nixon says will comprise five labor, five management and five public members.

That was taken by New York Senator Jacob Javits and other Republicans as meaning "autonomy" and they urged labor to cooperate.

# The Justice Department argued It's cooperation as 1 union organizes,

that in the view of the court raises itself to constitutional gained an agreement on October In Los Angeles and Long Beach and the workers returned Monday.

They will get a 15 - cent per hour wage raise in each year of jected the demand. a three-year agreement, seven paid holidays per year, companypaid health insurance, the union shop and coverage by the ACWA pension fund, Management label on its products.

All fired employes were reinstated

The agreement is effective Monday but the pay raise will wait resolution of Nixon "freeze" complications.

Organizing was done by ILG-WU Organizers Manuel Chavez and Willie March under direction of Joint Board Manager Mattie William T. Sweigert on the gov-Sam Zagami said, Local 510 will Johnson. Negotiators were ACWA ernment's demand that the inpicket the non-union band at the Joint Board Manager Sam Krips, Union Label Director Anne Draper and a shop committee.

Nixon had called the board "semi-autonomous."

Apparently mindful of strong labor criticism of the current "They raise serious questions "freeze" for totally ignoring which I believe must be explored profits, Nixon said, that if the for totally ignoring thoroughly by the leaders of the Price Commission determines a American labor movement, That corporation has made "windfall will be the key matter before this profit" by holding back on "frozspecial executive council meet- en" wage increases, the board's ing:

policy "will be that business should pass savings to the consumer by cutting prices."

He said, however, that profits as such would not be controlled and he gave no specifics of how a "windfall" profiteer could be forced to pass on his profit to shoppers.

Interest too will not be controlled by the government-although it is a big inflation factor-but instead Chairman Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board will head a committee which will "enforce" a voluntary" program by lenders to restrain interest.

Burns is a leading architect of Nixon's "tight money" program which vainly sought to fight inflation by making interest ex-

Burns' committee also will have "enforcement" duties in another

# by withholding pay Nixon goes to waterfront strike

weekend under pressure of a federal court Taft-Hartley Act injunction secured by the federal Justice Department at President Nixon's orders.

International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union President Harry Bridges served notice in his "On the Beam" column in the ILWU newspaper, the Dispatcher, that "the strike is not called off."

The ILWU Strike Strategy Committee's plans call for resumption of the strike after Taft-Hartley "cooling off" and-more significant - consultations with the striking East and Gulf Coast AFL-CIO International Longshoremen's Association on joint action.

The ILA has not yet been a

In Los Angeles and Long Beach, strikers stayed off their jobs after the ILWU and 11 men called for by name by shipowners re-

The ILWU and the 11 men. who had been called to set up machinery for loading and unloading, told the employers that such work should be shared by agreed to use the ACWA union all available men under longstanding hiring hall practice. An arbitrator's ruling on the dispute was pending.

Federal Judge Spencer Williams, a former department head for Governor Reagan and a Nixon appointee to the bench, gave Nixon a 10-day back to work iniunction

A hearing was scheduled for today, Friday, by Federal Pudge junction be extended to the Taft-Hartley law's full 80-day "cooling off."

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